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THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Saturday Morning, May 20, 1871.

Our New Goldfields.

Every express from Omineca brings accumulative evidence of the richness and extent of the great Eldorado of the North. It would appear to be quite beyond all reasonable doubt that there is a large extent of country drained by the Peace River and its numerous tributaries which affords rich shallow diggings—that is to say, diggings in which a miner can take out his twenty to thirty, forty or even fifty dollars a day with inexpensive appliances and without delving deep. And it needs no argument to show that this is the class of diggings at once the most attractive and profitable to the masses. Where every man can work his own claim and take out a reasonable amount of gold daily a much more prosperous condition of things will obtain than can possibly be the case where the few lucky ones dig out fortunes and the many fail to make both ends meet. Doubtless Omineca will be found to have its deep and difficult diggings too; but in rich, shallow diggings it would at present appear to surpass any other goldfield in the Colony. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that there should be a considerable tendency of population in that direction. We think ourselves justified in saying that fully twelve hundred people have gone in or are now on their way to these new mines; and as intelligence of fresh discoveries makes its way through the various communities most disposed to look in this direction it cannot be doubted that there will yet be considerable accessions before the present season closes.

conversations with intelligent persons coming from neighboring countries would lead us to believe that a considerable influx may be expected to take place within the next month. Whatever anxiety we may have felt about the ability of the Colony to follow up with supplies a large population has disappeared before the energy and enterprise being displayed upon both routes, more especially upon the central one. There is now no reason to apprehend that those resorting to Omicca will be called upon to encounter one-half of the hardships which beset the early miners in Cariboo. They will have much less to pay for the necessities of life, with a greater certainty of getting the 'werewithal' from their claims. We hope to be able to state before long that beef cattle can be driven into the new gold fields and sold at ten cents a pound on foot, and that the provision market in Omicca will not be appreciably dearer than that of Cariboo. It will be best not to calculate upon any material improvement in trade this year consequent upon these new mines. Of the probable twelve hundred who have gone North, possibly one-third are not additions to our population, but persons who have merely left one part of the colony for another. But it will be quite safe to reckon upon a large addition to the population and a consequent improvement in trade next year, should the new diggings come up to anything near the estimate we have been led to form respecting them. Nor must our older and, perhaps, less attractive gold-fields be altogether lost sight of in the brilliant light of the new. It would, indeed, be a crime to desert an old and faithful friend like Cariboo. But Cariboo is in no danger of such a fate so long as she continues to yield up her rich treasures as profusely as she does now. We have never ceased to think that Cariboo's richest store-houses have yet to be unlocked.

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Saturday Morning, May 20, 1871.

DIED

At Kellyinside, Quamchan, on Sunday morning, the 14th inst., James Fleming, sen., a native of Derry, Belfast, Scotland, aged 71 years.

NEWS! NEWS!

The "British Colonist" is the only Newspaper published at Victoria that receives the Latest Telegraphic Dispatches, as a comparison will prove. Late Telegrams appearing in any other paper are copied without credit 24 hours after they have appeared in the British Colonist. The circulation of the British Colonist being greater than that of any other Paper, it offers the best medium to Advertisers.

Court of Assize.

Before Chief Justice Begbie, and Justice Crease.

Friday, May 19th.

Rabson vs Howard.—This was an action for assault and false imprisonment. Damages laid at \$5000.

A R Robertson, Esq., instructed by Mr Courtney, for the plaintiff. For the defendant J F McCleigh, Esq., instructed by Mr Bishop.

Many witnesses were called. From the evidence it seems that in the month of January last defendant lost a saw and from certain circumstances he was led to believe plaintiff had stolen it. He went to plaintiff's house, saw the saw and gave it in charge to constable Hunter. He then complained and had plaintiff arrested. The magistrate almost immediately discharged plaintiff, who, a day or two afterwards, commenced proceedings against defendant in the Supreme Court for false arrest and imprisonment. Defendant also, within a day or two, obtained a summons from the Stipendiary Magistrate on a charge of theft for stealing the saw. The case occupied the Police Court two or three days and the charge was dismissed. The evidence and facts of the case were then pretty fully given to the public. The evidence yesterday varied but little, except on one, as regards the plaintiff's case, most vitally point.

Plaintiff alleged that he borrowed the saw from defendant and swore that he borrowed it on the 31st January, 1871, and that he got it from Caroline Nunn in defendant's house. Emma Rabson swore she went down to the wharf where Mrs Howard was fishing and asked her to lend her father the saw; that Mrs Howard told Caroline Nunn to let her have it, and that Caroline Nunn gave it to her father (the plaintiff), and that this occurred on Monday, January 31st. Plaintiff also swore that he saw Mrs Howard on the wharf, fishing at 3 o'clock on that day. This testimony was contradicted by three or four witnesses, who swore that Mrs Howard and Caroline Nunn were both in Victoria at the time.

Other evidence was given of contradictory statements made by Rabson as to how he got the saw. To one he said that he borrowed it from Mrs Howard, to another that he borrowed it from Mr Bateman and to another that somebody left it at his house. The case occupied the Court the whole day. The addresses of counsel on both sides were very able.

The Chief Justice in summing up said the question for the jury to decide was—Had defendant reasonable cause to believe that plaintiff had stolen his saw? If so he was justified in causing his arrest. Stealing is not going slyly in the night or in some clandestine way only, but if a man gets possession of another man's property in any way or tries to keep or conceal it, it is theft. It had been proved by two witnesses that defendant said in the hearing of plaintiff that he had lost his saw and that plaintiff denied having it. He would say also to the jury that if they disbelieved the plaintiff, who had been, in a most important point, contradicted beyond a doubt, his whole case must fall and they must find for the defendant.

The jury retired at 7 o'clock and the Court adjourned till 8 o'clock, at which hour the jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

The Court thanked the jurors, directed that they be paid \$15 each, and adjourned until Monday next at 11 o'clock, a.m.

OBITUARY.—Under the proper head will be found the announcement of the death of one of our early and most estimable settlers, Jas Fleming, senior, aged seventy-one years. Deceased left his native Scotland in 1852 and joined his son James in Canada, and in 1854 both went to Australia. Father and son both landed in this city in September, 1862, and in the following month they settled at Kelvinside, Cowichan, where deceased continued to reside with his affectionate son—the only surviving child of seven—up to the time of his death. The patience and fortitude, indeed, cheerfulness, with which the subject of our present remarks struggled with the privations and hardships incident to pioneer life, and the Christian resignation with which he bore up under a painful and protracted illness won for him the respect and admiration of his neighbors. He was one of the noblest works of God—an honest man—and has gone to his rest.

CAPTURED.—Two thieves, lately from Victoria, have been arrested by Sheriff Van Bokkelen of Port Townsend, W T, upon charges of burglary. A house was entered at Port Discovery and a gold watch, some money and a revolver stolen. These two men were tracked by the Sheriff many miles to a farmhouse where the gudewife—not knowing the character of her guests—spread for them a bountiful dinner. As they sat eating the Sheriff entered and clapped the "darbies" on their wrists. They were searched and no stolen property found upon them. They were secured, however, and the stolen articles were subsequently fished out of the buttermilk in a churn standing in the kitchen. The rascals are now in Port Townsend gaol.

PAYING JURORS.—At the close of the Rabson-Howard trial, last evening, the Chief Justice directed that \$150 be paid to each of the jurors for his services. This is the first instance, we believe, in this colony where common jurors have been paid; and as the Chief Justice remarked—we can discover no reason why they should not, as well as witnesses, receive pecuniary compensation.

FARES AND FREIGHT.—It is rumored that the rates of fare and freight between San Francisco and Victoria will be further reduced by the N.P.T.C., and, of course, by the Opposition. So, we see, in the contest the public is bound to benefit.

SHIRKING THE RESPONSIBILITY.—In an article urging registration our local cotemporary says:

"The present voter's qualification has been made so difficult to disqualify a large number of good British subjects. Let those, then, get qualification who have been disfranchised by Helmcken, Carrall, the Colonist, & Co., and register it, and when voting day arrives, let them show their manhood by voting for the liberal candidates."

We were not aware that *The Colonist* or anyone connected with it had a hand in making the present franchise law, but we do know that the editor of the print in which the above appeared had. It is mean to try to throw the responsibility upon others now. Besides, we are not aware that the law will have the effect of disfranchising a large number of good British subjects. If our cotemporary's definition of its provisions be a correct one, it is difficult to see how a single British subject need be disfranchised by it.

NANAIMO GOOD TEMPLARS.—The following officers of Oward Lodge No 2, of Nanaimo, were duly installed on the 13th inst by Bro Raybould. Lodge Deputy : Rev T Croby WCT, Wm Cartwright WVT, S Gough W.S. Walter Griffiths WAS, A H Raper W.T. J Dunsmuir WFS, W Hunter WM. J Seales WDM, J Ganner WIG, F C Meakin WOG. Sister E Richardson WO. Sister M Cartwright WRS, James Malpass WLS.

REMEMBER THE ORPHAN.—A most fitting opportunity for the exercise of the virtue of charity is just now presented to this community in the effort being put forth to hold a grand concert in aid of the Orphans of St Ann. In such a case surely every purseholder will loosen the strings.

The steamer *Outer* returned from Hastings, Barrard Inlet, yesterday morning. She towed the ship *Dashing Wave*, 1000 tons burthen, to the mills, reaching the wharf at 6 o'clock in the evening. The easterly gale of Friday was terrific but no damage is reported.

REGISTER! REGISTER! REGISTER!—Let every man who is in favor of thorough Reform in our present system of Government and the return of proper men to work out Responsible Government, register his vote before the 10th day of June.

DANGEROUS.—A section of the sidewalk of Pandora street, below the residence of Mr E Sutro, has given way and pedestrians are placed in great danger, particularly after dark.

THE NORTH PACIFIC.—Such is the name of Capt Starr's new Puget Sound steamer. She was successfully launched at San Francisco Thursday night, and will shortly sail for Victoria. See our Exclusive Dispatch.

DISPATCH LINE.—The schooner *Greyhound*, of the Dispatch Line, sailed from San Francisco yesterday morning. She comes accompanied to Mr Millard. See our Exclusive Dispatch.

The Sir James Douglas will go to Nanaimo on Monday at 7, returning on Tuesday evening. Freight must be shipped and letters mailed to-day.

THE CONCERT.—A few tickets for the concert on Tuesday evening remain undisposed of. Seats may be secured on Monday and Tuesday.

GRAND JURY.—This body will present its report on Monday. It is understood that the defective drainage of the city will be alluded to—and a very proper allusion it will be.

THE PRINCE ALFRED.—This steamer, although somewhat longer than the Pacific, will, it is thought, be brought into this harbor.

SAILED.—The steamship Prince Alfred sailed at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Victoria direct.

The schooner *Stagbound* will sail for San Francisco to-morrow morning. She will have a good freight.

The propeller California, from Victoria, reached Portland last evening at 5 o'clock. See our Exclusive Dispatch.

The sailing of the California from Portland for Nanaimo and Sitka has been postponed until to-morrow.

The G S Wright will sail for Portland at 6 o'clock this morning.

CLEAN SHEET at the Police Court yesterday.

THE OTTER will sail for Skeenamouth about the middle of next week.

SAILED.—The steamer Enterprise for New Westminster and the Islet for Nanaimo.

WEAR AND DROOPING.—Flour and grain at previous quotations.

THE FAMOUS ARC DE TRIOMPHE.—A dispatch, which was at first received with incredulity, but which has been confirmed, announced the destruction of the famous Arc de Triomphe in Paris, but whether battered down by the shells from the Versailles guns in Fort Mount Valerian or blown up by orders of the Commune, is uncertain. It was through this arch erected to commemorate French triumphs, that the German troops recently triumphantly marched. It was this arch that was so carefully hoisted up to protect its sculptures from German shells, and now Frenchmen themselves have destroyed it. Paris has already suffered more from the fire of French guns than from the whole German bombardment.

The civilized world was requested to note with shuddering horror the barbarism of the metropolis, of civilization and refinement, but there is no invitation to shudder at the wanton and remorseless destruction now being perpetrated by the highly refined Frenchmen in and around the city.

CONSIDERATE.—Squire W—was very fastidious in his notions of propriety. At weddings and funerals he was quite officious and particular that everything should be done decently and in order. In due time he was taken ill—fatally so—and relatives and friends were gathered around his bed sad and weeping. One of these, more thoughtful than the rest, asked the departing squire if he would like to have the clergyman called in to pray with him—to which he replied—Well, yes, I think it would be appropriate.

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By Electric Telegraph,

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

Europe.

VERSAILLES, May 18.—The members of the Right in the Assembly desire to depose Thiers. They offered the succession first to Grey and then to McMahon, but they both declined. Changerier was subsequently chosen and is now deliberating upon the proposition.

PARIS, May 18.—Marshal McMahon has called upon the German army for aid. The German engineers are now throwing a bridge over the Seine to facilitate the passage of the German and Versailles armies. A decisive attack will come from the East and the French and Germans will act together.

VERSAILLES, May 18.—Evening.—The Assembly has adopted the entire treaty signed at Frankfort between France and Germany. Gen Chanzy objected to the proposed territorial exchange, but was answered by Thiers and Ducret, who insisted upon the advantages of retaining and strengthening Belfort.

Eastern States.

NEW YORK, May 18.—A dispatch has been received from W H Hussey, General Superintendent of the International Ocean Telegraph Company, at sea, 5 miles from Key West, which says "I have just laid a heavy cable between Punta Rosa and Key West, in an air line, by American talent exclusively, both electrical and mechanical. This is the first time an American cable has been laid without foreign assistance."

Second Dispatch.

Exclusive to the 'Colonist.'

Europe.

LONDON, May 18.—The Prussian forces between Rainy and Mont Fornet are expected to make an attack on Paris soon.

The Official Journal accuses the Versaillists of causing the cartridge explosion. *La Verite* demonstrated that the explosion was solely the result of accident, and that no shell fell in Champs de Mars at the time of the explosion.

In the House of Commons, this evening, a motion exempting the exchange of commissions from operation of the army regulation bill which extinguished the purchase system, was lost by 48 majority.

In the House of Commons, Mr Disraeli severely criticized the budget, lately submitted by Lowe, Chancellor of the Exchequer. He reviewed the successive stages of progress which it had passed in its introduction, re-consideration and subsequent revision, and objected especially to the provision relating to the income tax and to Mr Gladstone's saying that it was now proposed to meet the increased deficiency in the revenue, which would certainly be increased by the abolition of the purchase of army commissions, by another equally undesirable measure.

The pending treaty for the adjustment of American questions would also require an increased expenditure, means of which should all come from direct taxation of the people. Lowe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said the Government shunned an addition to the income tax because it was oppressing the lower and middle classes. Charles Newdegate, member for North Warwickshire, commended the wise financial policy of the American Government to the study of the British Government:

Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Sumner offered the following as an amendment to the rules: That all treaties with foreign powers be considered in public and open session unless submitted in special confidence by the President, or ordered otherwise by a special vote of the Senate. Conkling submitted an amendment by adding "and all other matters known as executive business." The amendments were referred to the Committee of the whole.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y. May 18.—At 11:38 this morning Rufus was hanged in the yard of the jail at Binghamton. He died with the same firmness as he has exhibited from the hour of his arrest.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—The fact that the California Pacific Railroad is to be extended to Ogden is now established beyond doubt. It is asserted positively that a part of the programme will be running trains directly through from New York to San Francisco without change of cars, and all intermediate lines will be arranged accordingly. The building of a bridge for that purpose over the Missouri river is part of the programme, and means for completing the work have been already raised.

Third Dispatch.

Europe.

NEW YORK, May 10.—A special from Paris last evening says that traffic on the bridges has been stopped and a panic among the troops is feared.

The Committee of Safety officially declare that the explosion was the work of agents of the Versailles Government.

A strange story is in circulation to the effect that Capt De Bain found in the pocket of the wife of a gen d'arme the plan of a cartridge factory and a plan of Paris, prepared by Trochu.

Four persons have been arrested on suspicion of being deserters from the Versailles army, and have been removed to the interior of the city from the Ecole Militaire, where they have been confined.

Mangled remains of victims of the explosion were exhibited yesterday at the Church of St Peter, outside the railings. The number of persons killed by the explosion is less than was supposed, as the workmen left the building 15 minutes before the catastrophe took place.

M. Gabbo, member of the Committee of Public Safety, joined the francs tireurs, who are growing discontented. Should they declare openly against the Commune they will cause considerable trouble, being well armed and organized.

There are now 40,000 Versaillists troops in the Bois de Boulogne, pushing forward parallel with great vigor.

LONDON, May 19.—It is reported that the Versaillists now occupy Clichy.

There has been a sharp engagement at Aincourt.

It is rumored that the Versaillists made an attempt to storm the Porte Dauphin and the Amphitheater Hospital in this town.

PRINCE PUCKLER MUSKAW, who has just died at his superb estate in the Province of Brandenburg, near Kottbus, had this passage in his will: "I have very little cash left, I think; but my heirs will honor my memory if they will use part of my money in buying all the copies of my works they can find, and destroying them at once." He was a rare exception to the literary vanity of most authors.

A. GILMORE, MERCHANT TAILOR, and General Outfitter, has removed his place of business to the store adjoining the Colonial Hotel and opposite the Colonist Office, on Government street, fourth door from Yates, where he proposes to give his old friends and new customers a chance on the principle of quick sales and small profits.

The Versaillists' flag floats from Fort Vaux.

The Committee of Safety decree the suppression of the Review deux Monde, National, Avenir, Patrie, La Commune, Justice,

and five other papers. No newspapers are to be established until the war is over. All writers who sign articles attacking the Government are punishable by martial law, and officers who hesitate to obey are guilty of treason.

It is reported that the Commune is determined to razo the city rather than surrender it.

Cannondading has been heard to the south-east to day.

LONDON, May 10.—Ten thousand Turkish troops are concentrated at Shumla.

BEIJING, May 19.—Prince Bismarck goes to Frankfort to meet Favre and Pouyer and exchange ratifications.

Fourth Dispatch.

California

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—Flour—Dull and weak at previous quotations.

Wheat—600 sacks fair \$2 75, inactive at \$2 75 @ 2 86.

Barley—Range \$2 @ 2 15

Oats—1000 sacks light \$2 15, 500 sacks fair \$2 25.

Hay—A cargo of fair sold at \$17 50, quotable at \$15 @ 21 per ton.

Potatoes—The new crop is coming in freely from Mission and Half Moon Bay and sold this morning at \$2 25 @ 2 62 1/2.

Sailed—Schooner Greyhound, Victoria and Port Townsend. Bark Gon Cobb, Seabeck, Steamer Prince Alfred, Victoria, Bark Nicholas Biddle, Port Blakely.

Wheat at Liverpool 12s 6d.

Oregon.

PORLAND, May 19—6 p.m.—The steamer California arrived at 5 p.m.

Ralph Waldo Emerson left for the East overland.

The steamer North Pacific, built for Starr & Co of Portland for the Puget Sound Trade, was successfully launched last night at 11 o'clock.

